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Annapolis Environmental Commission

May 5, 2015

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on May 5, 2015 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

Members Present: Chair Murphy, Powell, Dr. Riegel, Buchheister, Butler, O'Leary, Kiraly

Members Absent: Vice Chair Kissel, Weber

Staff Present: Broadbent, Biba

Guest Present: Kate Baker-West Annapolis Resident, Anatasia Hopkinson-Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation, Tracy McGranaghan-Primrose Community

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Hopkinson expressed interest in hearing about the Rocky Gorge and Reserve at Quiet Waters development projects.

Ms. McGranaghan asked for clarification on the process of whether a stay could be imposed if a project is heard by the Building Board of Appeals (BBA) before it is heard by the Planning Commission (PC). There was significant discussion regarding whether an appeal would "stay" an application and it was agreed this issue should be forwarded to the Law Office for a response. Ms. Broadbent clarified that an email from Mr. Smith to Ms. McGranaghan that an appeal does not constitute a "stay" of an application however the issue should be clarified by the Law Office.

Ms. Buchheister moved that the AEC write to the BBA with a carbon copy to the Office of Law asking them to clarify in writing the process of when an appeal is taken on the Forest Conservation Act, does it have to be adjudicated by the BBA before it can move on to the PC for approval of the site design. Dr. Riegel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Baker is still reviewing and considering how to encourage recycling in residential areas so have nothing to present at this time. She plans to start the recycling process with education and outreach.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. MEETING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Riegel moved approval of the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Riegel moved to approve the January 7, 2015 meeting minutes as amended to include Ms. Broadbent's letter as well as the AEC response. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

a. Reappointments

Chair Murphy noted that Mr. Weber, Ms. Butler and Dr. Riegel's terms are due to expire June 30, 2015 and all three have expressed interest in reappointments. Each member will send in an updated resume to the EMC for consideration.

b. David Plymer Recap

Chair Murphy, **Vice Chair** Kissel, Dr. Riegel, and Ms. Butler all attended a meeting with David Plymer on April 22, 2015 and sent updates to the AEC previously so did not have anything additional to add.

c. Secretary for EMC Coordination

Chair Murphy expressed the need for someone to help to coordinate the minutes, paperwork and other correspondence for the Environmental Matters Commission meetings so that the AEC is informed on those items where it can provide input. Ms. Butler suggested inviting Ms. Pogell to the meetings to assist with this effort.

d. Summer Schedule

The AEC agreed that the first Wednesday remains the best time for the meetings.

Dr. Riegel moved to keep the meetings the first Wednesday of the month. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

e. Environmental Matters Commission - EMC

Chair Murphy provided copies of the EMC agenda for the upcoming year to help the AEC identify items where it can provide input on environmental projects.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Water Quality

Dr. Riegel met with American Sailing Industry Association (ASIA) and they are very interested in the marine water quality presentation so has asked to be kept in the loop. Ms. Buchheister reported on the stormwater bill that passed in the House and Senate.

b. Energy

Renewal Energy/Parking Garage

Chair Murphy noted that the energy park is moving along and the City plans to announce in the near future what solar developer will be placing a solar farm at the old landfill site. He noted that Towne Park is still interested in the pv for the garages.

c. Development

1. Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. Ms. Butler inquired regarding status of Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals and staff updated the AEC on status.

2. Crystal Spring Update

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

3. Thomas Woods

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

4. Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

5. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

6. **The Enclave at Spa Road**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

7. **Hayes Annexation Property**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. Mr. Biba reported that the Forest Conservation plan was approved so the website will be updated.

8. **Rocky Gorge**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. Ms. Butler inquired about the status of the grading permit approval and stormwater management. Staff responded to the inquiries.

9. **Griscom Square**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

10. **Annapolis Neck Annexation (Samaras Property)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

d. Outreach/Recycling

Mr. Powell had nothing to add regarding the recycling but agreed to meet with Mr. O'Leary on recycling/outreach issues.

IV. DNEP REPORT

Ms. Broadbent mentioned that there is an Eco Fair on May 30, 2015 at the Eastport Community Center and they are looking for volunteers. Ms. Butler suggested notifying Ms. Shanita Brown regarding this event. Ms. Broadbent reported on the Newport meeting where there were discussions financing and combining when looking at stormwater.

Ms. Broadbent emailed the AEC a letter regarding changes to the January 7, 2015 meeting minutes indicating that she asked Ms. Hook to include it as part of the minutes. The AEC also requested that their response be included as well. The February meeting minutes were not voted on.

a. Leaking Pipes

Ms. Buchheister notified Mr. Waters of leaking pipes in middle of King George Street and he promptly responded so wanted to commend him for such a quick response.

b. Intern

Chair Murphy indicated that there is a local volunteer who wants to help pull together environmental and renewable energy opportunities in order to move them forward.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next AEC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2015 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street. Dr. Riegel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm and Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.